



Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

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Beth Ami is a welcoming community where we connect to Jewish past, celebrate Jewish present and link to Jewish future through a humanistic philosophy.

October 2013

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Upcoming Events

November

- Sunday 11/3 – JCS Session 6 & Adult Ed
- Sunday 11/10 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to “From Door to Door” (*more info below*)
- Sunday 11/17 – JCS Session 7 & Adult Ed
- Thursday 11/28 – First night of Chanukah

December

- Sunday 12/1 – Community Chanukah celebration (2pm, JUC)
- Thursday 12/5 – Last night of Chanukah

May

5/16-5/18 – YMCA Family Retreat registration is now open. Please email Lenore with questions and to register (email is below)

Beth Ami Event Schedule

Thursday 10/3 – Beth Ami Book Club at Gerrie's (Review *Second Person Singular* by Sayeed Kashua, plus 1st season of Arab Labor)

Sunday 10/6 – JCS Session 4 & Adult Ed

Saturday 10/12 – Shabbat celebration - part of JT Boulder's community-wide Shabbat initiative (10am, jewishtogetherboulder.org)

Sunday 10/13 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to “After the Revolution” (*more info below*)

Sunday 10/20 – JCS Session 5 & Adult Ed

Other Community Events

10/15 - 11/10 – JAAMM Festival (*See more info below*)

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 10/9 – Julia Genyuk
- 10/10 – Rena Segal
- 10/13 – Ocean Anderson
- 10/20 – John Malcolm
- 10/24 – Troy Anderson
- 10/25 – Wendy Dubow
- 10/30 – Jim Kates
- 10/31 – Maren Anderson

Anniversaries

- 10/10 – Gerrie & Len Karasik
- 10/22 – Barb & Don Griss

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Sat 10/19



Beth Ami Arts Group

The Beth Ami Arts Group will be sponsoring monthly arts activities.

Oct. 13 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to Curious Theater, 1080 Acoma St. Denver, to see "After the Revolution" by Amy Herzog, directed by Chip Walton.

Summary:

The passionate, brilliant Emma Joseph proudly carries the torch of her family's long-held Marxist ideals by devoting her life to the memory of her legendary blacklisted grandfather. When a stunning revelation uncovers a dark secret, she and her entire family must reconcile everything they thought they stood for with the shadowy truth of history.

Please RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com by Oct. 6th to be included in our group tickets for October.

Nov. 10th – 2pm Beth Ami Arts Groups goes to Theater Or at Pluss Theatre MACC, 350 South Dahlia Street, Denver, to see "From Door to Door" by James Sherman, Directed by Richard Pegg.

Summary:

A heartfelt, soulful comedy and a tribute to American women of three generations. From Door to Door explores the influence culture and religion have in shaping life options. Whatever your heritage, you will recognize the characters in this delightful play as women in your own families who struggle to adapt to new roles in a changing world. This trip of gifted women are linked together through faith, understanding, and the enduring power of family love.

Please RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com by Oct. 31st to be included in our group tickets for November.

JAAMM Festival Info – Save the Date!

Oct 15 – Nov 10, 2013



SAVE THE DATE!



MACC'S 6TH ANNUAL JAAMM FESTIVAL

Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies, Music

October 15–November 10, 2013

A celebration of Jewish culture featuring dynamic art, authors, books, movies, music and theatre events.



MACC Box Office • 350 S. Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80246
Tickets: www.maccjcc.org/jaamm or (303) 316-6360

Mizel Arts & Culture Center

350 S. Dahlia St
Denver, CO 80246

To get tickets, call (303) 316 – 6360 or stop by the MACC box office

Hours: M-F, 9am – 5pm



For more, visit <http://www.maccjcc.org/jaamm-2013/>

Sukkot!



Beth Ami Hosts IsraAID

We were honored to host four members of [IsraAID](#) brought to Colorado by [Allied Jewish Federation](#) to help flood victims. IsraAID, founded in 2001, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to providing life-saving disaster relief and long term support throughout the world.

By **Lenore Kingston**

Read the rest of this article at

<http://boulderjewishnews.org/2013/beth-ami-hosts-israaid/>

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

It's not too late! Help Beth Ami and the Foundation Beyond Belief support the groundbreaking work of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Many in our congregation have been affected by loved ones falling sick to blood cancers. The Society for Humanistic Judaism is supporting this effort along with FBB.

Please contribute online:
<http://pages.lightthenight.org/rm/Flatiron13/malcolms>



What Am I Doing Here?

By **Lenore Kingston**

Last month's newsletter article inspired by Rabbi Adam Chalom, Dean of the International Institute of Secular Humanistic Judaism, inspired me to think about my story. Ron and I were glad to find Beth Ami seven years ago when we moved from Farmington Hills, Michigan. We had been members at the Birmingham Temple. Many of our friends were also members. We attended many congregation events. I taught in their school. I found that my personal growth was tied to my participation at Birmingham Temple.

I am Director of Beth Ami's Jewish Cultural School because I learn right along with our students. I believe in lifelong learning. Abraham Lincoln said, "I don't

think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday." I agree with Dr. Jannette Collins who wrote that "learning is not preparation for life but life itself."

Last year Beth Ami member Gordon Gamm's generous donation allowed us to invite Dale McGowan to speak about his book, [Parenting Beyond Belief: On Raising Ethical, Caring Kids Without Religion and Raising Freethinkers: A practical Guide for Parenting Beyond Belief](#). He suggested several best practices that I support. Of most importance to me is his encouragement to build communities. I want to support Beth Ami's community.

Family News and Events

If you or someone you know is experiencing important and life-altering events, please share the news with Beth Ami. In times of need, Beth Ami members can offer support. In times of happiness, we can help celebrate. To share your news, please contact Sheila Malcolm, Madrikha, or Michelle Davis, Madrikha

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mazel tov to Steve and Beth Litz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Julia • Mazel tov to Michelle Davis and Ben Stafford who are expecting their third child in February. • Mazel tov to Troy and Dawn Anderson on their new jobs. Troy is a high school math teacher in Montbello High School and Dawn is Events Director for Second Wind Fund, a non-profit organization that pays for therapy for kids at risk of suicide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mazel tov to Barb and Don Griss on their granddaughter Erin qualifying for the US Ski team and training at Park City, Utah • Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Donna Levene after her recent surgery • Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Kathy Kane after her recent surgery • Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Elaine Bloch who is at Highline Rehab, 6060 E. Iliff, Denver |
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Tributes, Donations, and Gifts

To donate to honor or remember a family member, friend, or Beth Ami member, please email our treasurer at treasurer@bethami.com. A notice of the contribution will be sent to the honoree or family of the person. Our congregation expresses its gratitude to the following individuals whose donations were received in the last month.

- Barb and Don Griss wishing a speedy recovery to Elaine Bloch, Kathy Kane, and Donna Levene
- Lenore and Ron Kingston wishing a speedy recovery to Elaine Bloch, Kathy Kane, and Donna Levene

Beth Ami Schedule

Beth Ami values life long learning. See the class schedule the Beth Ami website.

Adult Ed meets at Countryside Rec Center in Westminster, 10470 Oak St, Westminster Co 80021 – Home of the Jewish Cultural School – from 10:00 - 11:45 am. There is a community potluck lunch after each session. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

JCS: <http://www.bethami.com/JCS.html>
 Adult Ed: <http://www.bethami.com/AdultEd.html>

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Hi, all. I'm Rachel Hirsch. I was a student at the Beth Ami JCS until my Bat Mitzvah in 2008.

I am the editor of the Beth Ami newsletter this year, and plan on continuing for as long as possible (I start college in September).

I welcome any input you have, so feel free to email me any articles or information you want to see in next month's newsletter.

-Rachel